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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902

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Mr. Francisco Barba
Compliance Officer
CERCLA Remedial Enforcement
Section (3HW12)
United States Environmental
Protection Agency, Region III
841 Chestnut Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Dear Mr. Barba:

This is in response to your letter to Chairman Dean about the disposal, storage, or treatment of hazardous substances or wastes at a site controlled by Eastern Diversified Metals in Hometown, Pennsylvania. Gilbert Stauffer of my staff and Greg Signer of TVA's Office of the General Counsel discussed this matter with you. We appreciate the extension of time that you gave us in which to respond.

As requested, the agency has searched its files and has not found any documents or contracts involving Eastern Diversified Metals, Theodore Sall, Inc., or Diversified Industries, Inc. However, we did find several references to a "Diversified Metals Corporation" on our log of completed sales and also found a stamped notation indicating that Diversified Metals Corporation is a division of "Diversified Ind., Inc." Log notations for two earlier sales indicate that Diversified Metals Corporation's address was St. Louis, Missouri; subsequent notations list a Hazelwood, Missouri, address. Diversified Metals Corporation may be a subsidiary of the Diversified Industries, Inc., about which you asked.

The log of completed sales identifies seven different sales to Diversified Metals Corporation. None of these appear to involve contracts for or agreements to dispose of, treat, or store hazardous substances or wastes. Three early sales (two in 1964 and one in 1969) involved the sale of "scrap." According to the supervisor of the agency's Surplus Property Section, this notation suggests that the agency probably sold Diversified Metals some scrap metal. The remaining four sales (three in 1977 and one in 1979) involved surplus or scrap copper wire, steel and copper cable, and ACSR (aluminum conductor steel reinforced cable).

This surplus property was probably picked up by Diversified Metals at the specific agency location indicated. Under the terms of the agency's standard surplus property sales agreements, Diversified Metals would have had to have paid for the property before taking title and possession of it at the specific location. The agency's files do not indicate what Diversified Metals did with this property, where it shipped it, or if it transferred or sold it to another company or another subsidiary of Diversified Industries, Inc. Any such arrangements would have been made solely by Diversified Metals.

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Unfortunately, other than the log of completed sales, we have been (red)
unable to uncover any other documents relating to these sales. The
sales contracts for the years 1964 to 1973 have probably been destroyed
(the General Services Administration has established a 12-year retention
period for contracts). The contract for the 1977 sale should still be
in existence, but we have been unable to find it. We are rechecking our
files for this and if it is found, will forward a copy to you. We are
enclosing copies of the pertinent pages from the completed sales log and
a copy of that notation which indicates that Diversified Metals is a
division or subsidiary of "Diversified Ind., Inc."

The apparent lack of any contracts with the three companies you listed
could indicate that an entity other than the Tennessee Valley Authority
is represented by the acronym "TVA" which, we understand, is the only
reference EPA has uncovered to date which suggests some possible con-
nection to this agency. We have, on occasion, had to correct misunder-
standings resulting from the use of the "TVA" acronym by private enti-
ties. For example, advertising by the Tennessee Valley Aluminum company
created some confusion in 1985. We suggest that you review listings of
business and manufacturing companies for entities which could be repre-
sented by the acronym "TVA" in order to ascertain whether there is some
other "TVA" which may have contracted with Eastern Diversified Metals to
dispose of, treat, or store hazardous materials or wastes.

Please let us know if we can provide you any additional information.
As Mr. Signer informed you, TVA is an agency and instrumentality of the
Federal Government, created by the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of
1933, 16 U.S.C. §§ 831-831dd (1982 & Supp. III 1985). As such, we are
always pleased to be able to assist another Federal agency in its
activities to the extent our resources permit.

Sincerely,



Martin E. Rivers, Director
Environmental Quality

Enclosures

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5/24/77
Diversified Metals
A Division of Diversified Ind. Inc.
123 Byassee Drive
Hazelwood, Missouri 63048

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TVA 9648 (DP-12-67)

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Surplus Property Unit
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Contract Date May 13, 1977

NOTICE OF COMPLETED SALE

Invitation No. 41-3601

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	XXXXXX Unit Price	XXXXXX Est. Ar
77B41-3601	Ann Lusk	Diversified Metals 123 Byassee Avenue Hazelwood, Missouri 63042 <i>Phone 314-731-3060</i> Awarded to the high bidder.	1	\$0.2649	\$29,933.7

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Surplus Property Unit
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

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Contract Date November 14, 1973

NOTICE OF COMPLETED SALE

Invitation No. 41-2879

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	XXXXXX Unit Price	XXXX Est. Price
74B41-2879-1	Donna Dees	Ralph L. Roberson 2205 Cole Street Florence, AL 35630	1 4 6 7 8 9	26.50/GT 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢/lb 77.50¢/lb 75¢/Lb 42¢/lb 15.50¢/Lb.	\$ 530. 1,102. 387. 150. 420. 139. \$2,729.
74B41-2879-2	Donna Dees	M. Cohen Iron & Metal Company P. O. Box 1346 Nashville, TN 37202	3	.4857/lb	\$534.
74B41-2879-3	Donna Dees	<u>Diversified Metals</u> 123 Byassee Drive Hazelwood, Mo. 63042	10	17.06¢	\$27,296
74B41-2879-4	Donna Dees	Brodey & Brodey, Inc. P. O. Box 21171 Indianapolis, IN 46221	2 5	.20779/lb .88699/lb	\$1,350. 3,991. \$5,342.
All items awarded to the high bidders.					
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VA 9648 (DP-12-67)

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
 Surplus Property Unit.
 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Contract Date September 7, 1973

NOTICE OF COMPLETED SALE

Invitation No. 41-2829

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	Amount	Notes
74B41-2825	G. N. Ramsey	Diversified Metals 123 Byassee Drive Hazelwood, MO 63042 <i>Phone 314-731-3060</i> <i>Mr. David Winfield</i> <i>Director of Metal Purchasing</i>	1	Unit Price 39.64¢/Lb	Est. \$118.92
		Awarded to the high bidder.			

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Surplus Property Unit
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401

Invitation No. 41-2535

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	Amount	Est. Amr
				UnitPrice	Est. Amr
73B41-2795	Bertha Bruning	Diversified Metals ✓ 123 Byassee Drive Hazelwood, MO 63042	1	.1080/Lb	\$8,640.00
Awarded to the high bidder.					
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Contract Date 5/7/69

NOTICE OF COMPLETED SALE

Invitation No. 41-2118

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	Unit Price	Est. Amt
69B41-2118-1	Bertha Bruning	Commercial Metals Co. of Ala., Inc. Post Office Box 1679 Anniston, Alabama 36201	1 2 4 5 8 11	LUMP SUM .0911/Lb .3918/Lb .1311/Lb .5127/Lb .1310/Lb	\$ 851.1 54.6 4,897.5 327.7 3,076.2 141.2 9,348.7
69B41-2118-2	Bertha Bruning	Sheffield Iron & Metal Co., Inc. Post Office Box 656 Sheffield, Alabama 35660	9 12	15.77/GT LUMP SUM	788.5 51.0 839.5
69B41-2118-3	Bertha Bruning	M. Kimerling & Sons, Inc. Post Office Box 1108 Birmingham, Alabama 35201	3 6	.18/Lb .13911/Lb	3,240.0 11,824.1 15,064.1
69B41-2118-4	Bertha Bruning	Phelps Dodge Aluminum Products Corp. Post Office Box "D" Columbia, Tennessee 38401	10	LUMP SUM	272.1
69B41-2118-5	Bertha Bruning	Diversified Metals Corporation ✓ 123 Byassee Drive Hazelwood, Missouri 63042	7	.5513/Lb	24,808.5
Awarded to the high bidders.					
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Contract Date December 2, 1964

NOTICE OF COMPLETED SALE

Invitation No. 40-1326

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	UNIT PRICE	EST. AMT.
65B40-1326-1	Margaret Pruette	Stevenson Iron & Steel Company Post Office Box 156 Stevenson, Alabama	1/1	\$26.75/GT	\$ 1,070.00
65B40-1326-2	"	Steiner-Liff Iron & Metal Company Post Office Box 1182 Nashville, Tennessee 37206	5/5	.2834/Lb.	991.9
65B40-1326-3	"	M. Cohen Iron & Metal Company Post Office Box 1346 Nashville, Tennessee	2/2 8/11	.2011/Lb. LUMP SUM	50.2 184.8 235.1
				Tax	7.00
					242.2
65B40-1326-4	"	Cline & Bernheim Post Office Box 248 Nashville, Tennessee	3/3 6/9 7/10	.1440/Lb. .2560/Lb. .1380/Lb.	216.00 486.40 207.00 909.40
65B40-1326-5	"	M. Kimerling & Sons, Inc. Post Office Box 1108 Birmingham, Alabama	4/4	.11177/Lb.	3,911.9
65B40-1326-6	"	Diversified Metals Corporation 4235 Duncan Avenue St. Louis, Missouri	11/2	.1105/Lb.	2,762.50
				Tax	82.88
					2,845.38
65B40-1326-7	"	Harding-Silvey Company Post Office Box 25 Harriman, Tennessee	9/1	22.41/GT	2,801.25
65B40-1326-8	"	Jackson Scrap Material Company Post Office Box 583 Jackson, Tennessee	10/1 12/3	21.07/GT .2167/Lb.	252.81 86.68 339.50
Items 10/1 and 12/3 awarded to the only bidder. All other items awarded to the high bidders.					
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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY
Disposal Section
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Contract Date May 8, 1964

NOTICE OF COMPLETED SALE

Invitation No. 40-121

Contract No.	Collector	Purchaser and Address	Item	UNIT PRICE	EST. AMT.
64B40-1217-10	Margaret Pruette	✓ Diversified Metals Corporation 4235 Duncan, St. Louis 10, Missouri	3/3	.1090/Lb	\$ 17,985.00
64B40-1217-11	"	Commercial Metals Company PO Box 1046, Dallas, Texas	4/4	.335111/Lb	25,468.41
64B40-1217-12	"	The Breman Iron & Metal Company PO Box 1948, Atlanta, Georgia 30301	8/8	.15333/Lb.	1,533.30
Items 14/2 and 15/3 awarded to the only bidder. All other items awarded to the high bidders.					
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